

Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Board & Committee

Thursday, March 15, 2012

Chairs Brandtjen and Farrell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Janel Brandtjen, Gilbert Yerke, Mike Inda, Pauline Jaske, and Kathleen Cummings. **Absent:** Peter Wolff and Jim Jeskewitz.

Board Members Present: Citizen Members Dennis Farrell, Dr. Peter Geiss, and Lori Cronin, and Supervisors Paul Decker, Janel Brandtjen, and Duane Paulson. Citizen Member Flor Gonzalez arrived at 1:09 p.m. **Absent:** Citizens Members Joe Vitale and Mike O'Brien and Supervisor Jim Jeskewitz.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisory Sarah Spaeth, County Board Candidates Larry Nelson and Mike Hyland, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Antwayne Robertson, AODA Advisory Committee Chair Susie Austin, Claudia Roska of the Addiction Resource Council, Human Services Supervisor Susan Andrews, Clinical Services Manager Joan Sternweis, CAFSAC Advisory Committee Chair Missy Kueht-Becker, CAFSAC Member Sarah Carpenter of Wisconsin Community Services (WCS), Mental Health Association Executive Director Lisa McLean, Faith Holley-Beal of the C.A.R.E Center, Vice President of St. Charles Youth & Family Services Glynis Underwood, Carol Hanneman-Garuz of the Addiction Resource Council, St. Charles IFDS Team Member Judy Hickey, Sarah Matson of the Catholic Charities Supported Parenting Program, Karen Villarreal of Safe Babies Healthy Families, Diane Ripple of The Women's Center, Intake & Support Services Manager Jesus Mireles, Architectural Services Manager Dennis Cerreta, Public Health Supervisor Rosie Kapp, Adolescent & Family Services Manager Peter Slesar, and Senior Financial Analyst Bill Duckwitz. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 2-16-12

MOTION: Inda moved, second by Cummings to approve the minutes of February 16. Motion carried 5-0 as corrected.

Review Correspondence

- Application for Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training funds.

Announcements

Brandtjen said the Marsh Country Consortium met recently where they reviewed financial information. The grand opening of the full facility is coming up and things are moving along well. They are in process of adding additional members who have expressed interest.

Yerke, a member of the Community Development Block Grant Board, said Kristin Silva will replace Glen Lewinski as the County's Community Development Coordinator. Also, according to a strategic planning proposal from the consultants, it seems the Community Development Program will move away from public service and more towards infrastructure, capital projects, and housing.

Robertson noted the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Human Services Building will be held Wednesday, March 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Gonzalez arrived at 1:09 p.m.

Schedule Next Meeting Date(s)

Brandtjen indicated the next meeting will be held on March 29 (committee-only). Jaske advised she would not be able to attend. Also on March 29, the Health & Human Services Board will hold their annual public hearing at 7:00 p.m. at the Expo Forum building.

State Legislative Update

Spaeth said the Legislature has recessed and will return next January. The Family Care cap has been lifted, approved by both houses. Extension of the program into other counties will require Joint Finance Committee approval.

Executive Committee Report of 2-20-12

Brandtjen said the Executive Committee, at their last meeting, approved ordinances and appointments that were included in the last set of County Board referrals. They also heard reports from Internal Audit Manager Lori Schubert on unannounced cash counts, the operations audit of the County Clerk's Office, and the upcoming internal audit schedule.

Board Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 2-16-12

MOTION: Decker moved, second by Geiss to approve the minutes of February 16. Motion carried 7-0 as corrected.

Announcements

Paulson spoke highly of our new Community Development Coordinator, Kristin Silva, who he worked with on the HOME Consortium Board.

Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Committee Needs Presentation (Board)

Austin, Andrews, and Roska were present to discuss this item. Austin distributed copies of "AODA Advisory Committee Unmet Needs for 2013" and "Waukesha County Medical Examiner's Office Drug Overdose Statistics 2003 through 2011."

Those present discussed the needs list and their respective budget impacts in detail which included: 1) develop resources for early intervention and prevention services for adolescents (\$50,000); 2) increase AODA volunteer budget to bring Recovery Coach training to volunteers and recruit and train additional volunteers (\$2,000); 3) increase substance abuse case management services by refunding an existing position, currently unfunded (\$60,000); 4) increase funding for volunteer transportation (\$10,000); 5) cost of living increases for all contracted residential facilities (\$8,000); and 6) maintain current level of funding for existing programs. Over the last nine years, the

Medical Examiner's Office has seen a steady increase in deaths attributed to overdose among adults and adolescents.

Child and Family Services Advisory Committee (CAFSAC) Needs Presentation (Board)

Carpenter, Becker, McLean, Villarreal, and Ripple reviewed 2013 needs and budget impacts. In light of budgetary reductions from multiple sources and due to the economy, they are asking that programs that promote family well-being and community safety be adequately funded. There is an obligation to invest in the community. It is important to maintain community-based services and meet increased needs so that future needs are less detrimental fiscally. There is an increasing level of risk and needs. Client circumstances are requiring agencies to assist them with multiple basic needs in addition to addressing the complex issues of violence, trauma, addictions, mental health, etc.

Those present spoke about the return on investment of the 211/First Call for Help Program, St. Charles Intensive Family Development Services Team (IFDS) Team, and Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) intensive tracking as opposed to the high cost of corrections and mental health facility costs. Also discussed were positive outcomes/statistics of services provided by Parents Place, WCS, The Women's Center, 211/First Call for Help, St. Charles, Safe Babies Healthy Families, Supported Parenting/Catholic Charities, The C.A.R.E Center, Birth to Three, and Children's Long Term Service (CLTS) Waiver and Family Support Programs.

Update on the New Health and Human Services Building (Combined)

Cerreta said the new maintenance building is complete and occupied and staff are very happy with it. Everything is on schedule with this project. The gas and water mains are now being installed. The old maintenance building will be asbestos-free by end of this week and it will be torn down and hauled away by the end of next week. Digging for the new Human Services Building should start the week after that. The scheduled completion date is August of 2013 and then four to eight weeks to get staff moved in. Cerreta noted this has been the best project and best team of his career. To answer Yerke's question, the green roof is still in the plans.

Statistic of the Month: Delinquency Recidivism Rate (Combined)

Slesar distributed copies of "Delinquency Recidivism within One Year of Court Supervision End Date." Slesar reiterated what was discussed during the CAFSAC presentation above and the increased complexity of juveniles that are referred to their division for services. Many of them have drug, alcohol, and mental health issues. Slesar indicated the recidivism rate for Waukesha County was 26.5%, slightly over their 25% target. However, this is encouraging because national figures are much higher. The recidivism rate in Alameda County, CA last year was 79%. Many other areas in the country are around 50%. Slesar explained how staff have refined intervention techniques using evidence-based practices.

Motion to Allow the Secretary of the Committee to Approve the Final Set(s) of Minutes on Behalf of the Committee (Committee)

MOTION: Yerke moved, second by Jaske to allow the secretary of the Committee to approve the final set(s) of minutes on behalf of the Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to Allow the Secretary of the Board to Approve the Final Set(s) of Minutes on Behalf of the Board (Board)

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Decker to allow the secretary of the Board to approve the final set(s) of minutes on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 7-0.

Report on Wisconsin Immunization Law Outcomes (Combined)

Kapp distributed information on 2012 Public Health clinics and walk-in services, vaccine-preventable diseases (including complications and symptoms) and the vaccines that prevent them, the recommended vaccination schedule for children, the importance of vaccinations for children and adults, and Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis Q&A. Kapp said immunizations are very effective. For example, there have been no cases of Polio in the western hemisphere since 1991. For vaccines to work well, a majority of the population must be vaccinated – 85% to 95% to prevent outbreaks from occurring. There is currently a pertussis (aka whooping cough) outbreak.

Also distributed was “Waukesha County Wisconsin Immunization Law Outcomes” which included 2011-2012 immunization compliance for all Waukesha County school children (public and private) and schools statewide. Total enrollment for Waukesha County is 74,302 compared to 940,266 statewide. Kapp said 1.1% of Waukesha County school children were not in compliance (1.0% of public school children and 1.6% of private school children). Statewide, 3.4% are not in compliance. Parents of 6% of Waukesha County’s school children have waived some or all immunizations (6% public and 5% private) compared to 4% statewide.

Parents can waive all or some of the vaccine requirements for either religious or personal convictions or medical reasons. By signing a waiver form, parents are in compliance of the law. Kapp advised they are striving to have all children up to the age of two up-to-date on their vaccinations for 14 diseases. However, they are shy of that target and immunization rates have gone down. The amount of waivers, most of which are for personal convictions, is a growing concern. In 1996, only 1% of students had a waiver. Kapp also spoke about the growing amount of misinformation on the Internet, etc. which have resulted in some parents choosing not to immunize.

Gonzalez left the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Cummings to adjourn the committee at 3:37 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Geiss to adjourn the board at 3:37 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings
Secretary